

Kentucky e-Health Network Board

February 2, 2011

Minutes

Meeting No. 36

Capitol Annex – Room 131

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair – University of Kentucky
Dr. David Bensema – At-Large Member representing KMA
David Bolt – At-Large Member representing Physicians Practice Managers
Ron Carson, Proxy for Robert King- Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Murray Clark – At-Large Member representing KHA
Lori Flannery – Commonwealth Office of Technology
Kathy Frye, Proxy for Janie Miller – Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Dr. William Hacker - Kentucky Department for Public Health
Bruce Klockars – At-Large Member representing KHA & Rural Hospitals
Robert Nowell – Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Al Perkins, Proxy for Sharon Clark – Kentucky Department of Insurance
Dr. Kim Williams – At-Large Member representing KMA

Absent:

Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair – University of Louisville
Rep. Bob DeWeese – House of Representatives
Senator Julie Denton – Senate
Larry Mott – At-Large Member representing Business with e-Strategy
Senator Katie Stine – Senate President Pro Tem
Rep. Tommy Thompson – House of Representative

Staff:

Donna Veno – Executive Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair. Dr. Steltenkamp updated on the board on changes in membership that have taken place. Deborah Clayton who represented the Department of Commercialization and Innovation recently left her position with state government to become the Director of Technology Development and Commercialization with Argonne National Laboratory. There will be no representation from this Department on the eHealth Board until the Governor appoints a new Director. Betsy Johnson has resigned her position as Commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services; Bob Nowell will serve as Medicaid's representative on the Board. Bob is Director of Information Systems. Lori Flannery, Deputy Secretary for the Finance and Administration Cabinet will represent the Commonwealth Office of Technology serving as interim chief information officer. Phil Baughn has taken the position of heading up the state's broadband initiative. Each board member introduced themselves and updated the board on ehealth meetings or events attended.

- Dr. Bill Hacker co-chaired a joint public health information taskforce in Atlanta in November and provided input on the importance of public health. He will also be attending HIMSS.
- Kathy Frye represented Secretary Janie Miller. Kathy recently attended the ONC Conference and will also be attending HIMSS.

- Dr. David Bensema attended a convergent care strategy symposium which is the combination of the names convenient care and urgent care. Major emphasis is the need for health information and unified exchange from retail and urgent care centers to the primary care offices to create continuity of care documents that will be meaningful for the care of the patients.
- Dr. Kim Williams has been involved in meetings at the NorthEast Kentucky RHIO.
- David Bolt continues to work with the Regional Health Care Affiliate clinics on the implementation of electronic health records and information exchange. Registration and application for ehr incentives is being completed.
- Bob Nowell attended the ONC meeting in December and was involved in the implementation of Kentucky Medicaid's Provider Incentive Program.

Review and Approval of the September 2010 Minutes

Ron Carson moved for the approval of the September 2010 meeting minutes; David Bolt seconded with one correction on the spelling of McLean County. Motion carried.

Dr. Steltenkamp acknowledged the work of the Cabinet for the great job that the Department for Medicaid Services has done with being the first state to spend stimulus funding for the provider incentive program.

Communications

University of Kentucky Regional Extension Center

Rob Edwards, Director of Public Affairs at UK HealthCare and Executive Director of the Kentucky Regional Extension Center, updated the board on the status of the center. UK received a \$6M cooperative agreement from the Office of the National Coordinator to provide consultative services with private practices and critical access hospitals to help achieve meaningful use. Clients are receiving incentive funding and other states are requesting information on how Kentucky implemented their program. UK REC has a partnership with CDC, KHIE, and the Markey Cancer Center. UK REC received a grant from the CDC to connect the cancer registry to the health information exchange and funds from the REC to go to ten private oncology practices to assist them in achieving meaningful use and for the connection to the health information exchange. Those oncology practices' electronic medical records will report through the health information exchange to the Markey Cancer Center registry. CDC had \$1M to support efforts like this in the country and \$500,000 was awarded to the UK REC. A steering committee and external advisory board provides guidance, as well as Martha Riddell and Carol Ireson who provide expertise in meaningful use. The UK REC team currently includes 11 positions across the Commonwealth. Five stages that clients go through include the Initiation Phase, Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, and Achieving Meaningful Use. An additional award has been received to assist the critical access hospitals by partnering with the Kentucky Hospital Association and the Center for Rural Health in Hazard to provide similar services to CEOs and staff at 30 critical access hospitals over the next three years. A CME has been created for meaningful use. Around 400 individual physicians and nurse practitioners have been signed up; 110 are e-prescribing and collecting quality data electronically. The UK REC will help Kentucky generate \$100M in Medicare and Medicaid incentives to physicians, FQHCs, rural health centers, and critical access hospitals around the state.

Tri-State Regional Extension Center

Trudi Matthews, Director of Policy, updated the board on the REC, a new federally-funded collaboration led by HealthBridge, to help eligible professionals implement technology, achieve meaningful use and qualify for incentives. Five supported vendors are on board to provide group purchasing for small physician practices. The REC Program went through

some charges this year to include increased funding for critical and rural hospitals that the REC could give from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Services offered include implementation of ehr systems and privacy and security consulting; assist smaller hospitals with compliance with laws, and connections with health information exchange to maximize the use of technology. The REC Cooperative Agreement was extended to four years allowing the full four years to reach targets. The 90/10 match was extended over the remaining two years. Currently, more than 730 physicians have been signed up. A lot of independent pediatrician offices are interested in adopting electronic health records. For the next quarter and the remainder of 2011 there is a goal to recruit an additional 300 priority primary care providers across the tri-state area and to move as many of the 700 priority primary care physicians over to getting to milestone 3 in order to meet meaningful use. In May 2011, a conference on meaningful use is planned.

Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE)

Jeff Brady, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information (GOEHI) presented an update to the board on the KHIE. The Medicaid Transformation Grant is ending in March, 2011, and was the funding used to start the KHIE. The State HIE Cooperative Agreement (ARRA Funding) was awarded \$9.7M for the creation of the KHIE. A Strategic and Operational Plan was submitted in August and are awaiting approval and funding. Categories of data are available from CHFS to seed two years of Medicaid claims data for the early adopters. Clinical data is also embedded and other data includes the newborn screening data, as well as others other labs at the state lab, and the immunization registry which is currently in pilot. Kentucky is the first state to make the newborn screening lab data electronically. Dr. Stephanie Mayfield is to be interview by the College of American Pathologists. As reportable disease data becomes available to KHIE from providers, data can be selected and forwarded to public health to be reported to CDC.

Jeff went over a list of hospitals and clinics that are connected and actively exchanging data with each other through KHIE, or is in the process of connecting, testing, and becoming a participant. All hospitals and clinics to date are people who have requested connecting to the KHIE. These requests are a result of the activities of the RECs. A signed contract with LabCorp has been executed to deliver lab results from them to providers. Meetings are currently taking place with Quest, LabDx, and Cumberland Lab. Currently meetings are taking place on connecting to the Kentucky Cancer Registry, Immunization Registry, Disease Reporting, Trauma Registry, and many EMR vendors, as well as RHIOs and KASPER. Benefits for participating in the KHIE include a detailed patient summary, medication history, lab results, and radiology reports. Sandeep Kapoor reported there is excitement in the provider community to apply for incentive payments. The initial estimate was that over 10 years 2,000 providers would quality. Three weeks into the programs there are 228 registered. The economic impact for Kentucky will be approximately \$100M. The system for the eHR incentive program was developed in-house and was the first state to make payment to hospitals. Checks are distributed on a weekly basis. Almost all FQHCs and rural health clinics will qualify because of the patient volume considerations. The first hospital in the nation to get a check for incentive payments was the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for March 2, 2011, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm, at the Capitol Annex, Room 131.

Submitted by Donna Veno
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